REMARKS

Claims 1–2, 4-7, 9–10, 12-15, 17–18, 20-25 and 27-30 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to exclusively improve readability and clarity of the claims and not for the purpose of overcoming alleged prior art. Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed July 17, 2008 is addressed hereinafter.

I. CLAIMS -- 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-10, 12-15, 17-18, 20-25 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. (Final Office Action, page 2)

Applicants believe that the rejection is fully overcome by the amended claims 1-2, 7, 9-10, 15, 17-18, 23, 24-25 and 30. Support for the amendments is provided in paragraphs [0052] and [0068] of the specification.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A petition for extension of time is hereby made to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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